



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Dear members,

We are now well into the last quarter of the year and preparations for end of year activities are under way.

Note, due to the labour weekend, the defibrillator training session has been postponed to **Saturday 30 October. The office will be closed 28-29 October.**

Please note the next newsletter will be send out in four weeks on 11 November.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

October

Monday 26th

Labour Day

Saturday 30th

Defibrillator training??

November

Sunday 1st

Canterbury Interclub Teams

Friday 6th

Fun Teams night

December

7th, 8th, 9th

Christmas dinners for grade sessions

Friday 11th

Fun Teams night

UPCOMING EVENTS

NZ Wide Pairs (3A) Friday 16 October at the Christchurch Bridge Club:

The Christchurch Bridge Club is hosting the [NZ Wide Pairs \(3A\)](#) tournament for bridge clubs in the Canterbury Region. The same pre-dealt hands are played at all competing clubs simultaneously, and a booklet containing commentary on each hand will be given to all players after play. Please go to link provided for details about registration and start of play.

Canterbury Interclub Teams (Junior/ Intermediate/ Open) on Sunday 1 November:

The Canterbury Interclub Teams tournament is organised by the Canterbury Regional Committee of NZ Bridge (CRC) and this year hosted by Christchurch BC. There will be two sessions of play.

Crockfords will organise a team for each of the three sections. A flyer is being prepared by CRC and will be send out to participating members.

Teams Night Friday 6 November at 7pm:

The next Teams Night is Friday 6 November. You will receive an email notification and reminder from fridayteams@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz to register your team members or your interest in playing. Please respond to this email for your registration.

People who wish to also get an e-mail reminder for the Fun Teams Night events can sign up at <https://teams.flyingkiwis.net/subscribe>.

Defibrillator training Saturday 30 October at 10:30am:



Crockfords Bridge Club



AED & CPR Training

You are invited ...
... using our AED and doing correct CPR when it's needed

 Saturday, 31 October 2026 (TBC via email)
 10:30am
 218 Riccarton Road, Christchurch
 Free
 Inform your attendance to your Grade Convenor or the Office.

This training session is provided by AJ Wright from 

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It is important that we have a well-represented group of members attending the training session. Please let your session convenor or the office know that you have attended the session.

Note, AJ Wright from Heart Starter will also take First Aid questions.

A follow-on from this training session is to provide a presentation of instructions in the use of the new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to the playing session.

OTHER NEWS

Tournament – expression of interest:

Sumner Bridge Club is gauging interest for their bridge session on Saturday night 7 November - ELECTION NIGHT. Please contact them directly on sumnerbridgeclub@gmail.com, if you would like to attend.

Information received from NZB:



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Complaints Officer (Voluntary) – Expressions of Interest

The Board of NZ Bridge invites expressions of interest for the new voluntary role of Complaints Officer.

The appointee will report through the Secretary of NZ Bridge to the Board of NZ Bridge.

This role is very much a part-time one only needed as complaints arise, and it is not envisaged that more than a few weeks a year overall would be needed.

It is one part of a framework set up to manage behaviour, disputes and issues at various levels. Other parties in the frame are the Fair Play Committee (education), the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee (for serious matters and with the power to apply sanctions) and the recorders who manage more informal or verbal complaints.

The Complaints Officer supports NZ Bridge's commitment to fair play, respectful conduct, and the integrity of the game. It operates primarily through conflict resolution, mediation and arbitration and/or advisory guidance and coaching.

Persons interested should have qualifications and experience in these areas.

For further information and to register your interest please contact the secretary.

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This is a voluntary position. Please contact Alister, on secretary@nzbridge.co.nz if you are interested in this.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Reflections on Intermediate and Open Pairs tournament 11 October:

First of all, a big thank you goes to all who were involved in making preparations and running the tournament: Craig Shannahan and Joyce Smith as directors, the dealers, Kate MacRae for planning and preparing the catering provided at morning tea/coffee and at the supper after play, and to people who volunteered helping in the kitchen and cleaning up at the end of the day.

Crockfords had an overwhelming strong support for this tournament with 16 tables in the Intermediate section and 14.5 tables in the Open section. The tournament operated at nearly maximum capacity and it highlighted some limitations in our resources that we need to deal with for the next tournament season.

Congratulations to the many Crockfords pairs who received excellent overall results:

Elena and Peter Udy, Helen Wood and Joanne Webb, Mary and Mike Small, Lainie Smith-Mortlock and Megan Smith, Iain Dickason and Murray Eves, Anne Holwell and Peter Bullion.

Teams night 2 October results:

Congratulations to the winning October teams.

Green section (8 teams):

‘Gentle Squeeze’:

Linda Zhang, Pam Tibble, Dorothy Bain,
Paul Tomlinson



Red section (8 teams):

‘The Quarks’:

Irene Wheal, Rachel Cath, Prawindra
Mukhia, Anya Besley



Weekly results:

Congratulations to following pairs for receiving top weekly percentage points:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
28 Sept	Megan Smith and Lainie Smith-Mortlock	Open/Mixed Thurs evening	83.33%
5 Oct	Pam Butler and Jo Deely	Senior Reserve	63.49%

FROM THE OFFICE

Public Holiday: Monday, 26th of October.

Petra is away on leave, Wednesday, 28th – Thursday, 29th of October.

NZ Wide Pairs (3A) Friday 16 October: please contact the Office if you are playing in this. A jacket was left behind on Sunday by an Ashburton Club member. She kindly requested for this to be given to Amanda Evans (Ashburton Club), who is playing with Colin Clemens.

On behalf of the committee, happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

Kirsten Nissen
President